



California State Branch

National Association of Postal Supervisors

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California State Fall Board Meeting

Welcome was given by President Marilyn Jones.

Damon Leopold announced his resignation from the California State Board today as well as the new officers he appointed prior to his resignation. The new California State Board officers for 2017 – 2018 are as follows effective today:

Marilyn Jones, President -- present
John Wong, Vice President -- present
Bridget Evans, Secretary -- present
Sally Simpao, Treasurer -- present
Mariel Murillo, Area Vice-President – present
Charles Patterson, Area Vice-President -- present
Vontina Swygert, Area Vice-President -- present
Tom Wong, Area Vice-President -- present
Marsha Danzy, Legislative Consultant -- present

After much discussion with national officers Marilyn Walton, Western Region VP and Hayes Cherry, Pacific area VP, it was determined that we needed to assign new officers with the resignations of our President and Vice President. This is a listing below of your former officers and their status:

Damon Leopold, President -- resigned
Debbie Baker, Vice President -- resigned
Bridget Evans, Secretary -- remains
Sally Simpao, Treasurer -- remains
Marilyn Jones, Area Vice-President – reassigned
Charles Patterson, Area Vice-President -- assigned
Vontina Swygert, Area Vice-President -- remains
Tom Wong, Area Vice-President -- remains
Marsha Danzy, Legislative Consultant -- remains

Our California State convention for 2018 is a non-election year. The next election of officers will take place at the 2019 California/Hawaii Bi-State Convention in Honolulu, HI.

GREETING FROM NATIONAL OFFICERS/ GUESTS:

-- Louis Atkins: immediate past president. I wish to bring you greetings from the national officers. Bonita and I really appreciate your hospitality over all these years. You have my heart and my support. Brian and the other officers are working on pay talks. USPS has sent their proposals and Brian is working on the counter-offer. 13000 people got no NPA one year; last year 8900 got no NPA. The craft overall gets 1 ½ % pay increases annually, whereas some EAS get zero! That's not right! Hopefully the USPS provides us a good package. If not we have 4 attorneys on board.

The 2018 NAPS National Convention is underway. We have a new change – the rules will be published. We will also try to get some new members on the committees to give more people a chance to become experienced – more training. There are 3 casinos surrounding Mohegan. Providence RI is the best airport to fly into, I think. The hotel will have a shuttle from Rhode Island to Mohegan. Hartford and Providence are the best places to fly into. If you choose to take a taxi its about 45 minutes and will cost approx. \$90.00.

The National committee for SWX is on hold due to the hurricanes in Puerto Rico. Jimmy Worden and Tony Roma will still be working on this. What we really need are about 500 more supervisors. We also need relief supervisors. The sick leave is up due to EAS not getting any time off. I will be here tonight if you have any other questions. You can always call me anytime. Thank you again! its always good to here in California – I feel like a child of California

OFFICERS REPORTS: motion to accept officers' reports as printed and available on the table Tom Wong, Area Vice-President; 2nd by Area Vice-President

READING OF MINUTES: motion to accept minutes as printed and available by Marilyn Jones, Area Vice-President; 2nd by Area Vice-President Tom Wong. Copies will be mailed to all branches from the State Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer gave an accounting of State board finances. Motion made by AVP Tom Wong to accept financial report. Motion was 2nd by Mariel Murillo.

2018 California State convention – convention will be held at the Embassy Suites San Rafael – Marin County. The dates for the convention will be April 22 – April 24 (convention will start on a Sunday). This will be a non-election year. There is adequate room space for all of our meetings and all events. The room rate will be \$165.00 per night + tax. The room rate is good 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. The Marin County fairgrounds and mall are great places to visit. Food is grown locally – all fresh ingredients used by the chefs. Location is 45 minutes from Oakland and San Francisco airports. They have 146 king suites; 72 suites with 2 beds; 10 handicapped suites and four 2-bedroom suites; amenities include indoor pool, FREE daily breakfast and Happy Hour, free parking; fitness center and room service. Sunday, April 22, 2018 will be the day for the golf, and bowling, and Presidents Reception. Monday, April 23, 2018 will be the Opening session. The business meetings will be Monday, April 23, 2018 and Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Reminder to all branches that the link for the Embassy suites hotel is open – so far only 9 people have registered for rooms.

2019 California/Hawaii Bi-State Convention -- hosted by NAPS Branches California 905 and Hawaii 214 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Ala Moana Hotel. Bi-State is scheduled for April 24-26, 2019 at the Ala Moana Hotel. More details on the hotel and specifics will follow. This is an election year so prepare for your expenses. Sally Simpao suggested that branches may want to hold some type of fundraisers in their branches to help with expenses. She also suggested that Branch 497 and other branches rent spaces/table to vendors as a fundraiser for 2018 and on.

2020 California State convention – will be hosted by NAPS Branch 88 San Francisco. Details will follow.

LEGISLATIVE – Marsha Danzy gave us the legislative update. 3 nominees named for the vacant positions of the Board of Governors. Our Legislative Training Seminar will be March 11 – 14, 2018. The airline ticket prices are very high because the dates are so close to Cherry Blossom season. So far they are running between \$400 and \$500 now. There is not much going on with HR 56. All the focus seems to be on Tax Reform. USPS issues are on the back burner. I'm hoping our issues will be back in the forefront for 2018. The hotel rate at the Marriott Crystal Gateway will be \$270.00 per night + taxes.

OPEN DISCUSSION – Vontina Swygert, AVP says Branch 127 representatives are being asked by USPS to provide the names, dates, and time when they meet with an EAS on a matter. And they must have a signed letter from USPS for NAPS time. She doesn't know why?

Charles Patterson, AVP says they have to use a 3971 and a document with same type of information Vontina is describing in North Bay. The craft are not required to notify USPS. This is a violation of privacy. There is a bill in Congress to not give LWOP to the union stewards for union business. Some stewards are using up to 40 hours per week!

Our members are still saying that they do not have enough resources in their jobs to be successful. They wish their bosses would come out and show them how to manage with what they have.

FYI -- For those EAS interested in going over to assist the people in Puerto Rico, you will not be reimbursed for hotel, per diem or any other expenses.

Motion made to adjourn by Tom Wong, AVP; 2nd by Mariel Murillo, AVP.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Bridget Evans
NAPS California State Secretary